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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical connector member of the present invention is formed of a zirconia based ceramics which contain ZrO_2 as a main component, 2-4 mol% of Y_2O_3 , 0.05-1.0 wt% of Al_2O_3 , and 0.01 wt% or less each of SiO_2 and TiO_2 , then allowing the connector member to assure the durability even using in the high temperature and humidity circumstances. Also, An optical connector member is formed of a ceramic material having 0.1 wt% or less of a rate of change in weight while the material is held at a temperature of 85°C and relative humidity of 85% for 2000 hours. For the ceramics, zirconia based ceramics are used to be partially stabilized with Y_2O_3 and with another stabilizer other than Y_2O_3 . Further, the invention includes a ferrule having a through hole for holding an optical fiber therein, wherein the ferrule is provided, on its periphery, with a marker which indicates a direction of decentering the fiber on the top surface of the ferrule.